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INSIDE:

EURO-GUIDE

The draw will be made this week in Zurich for the three Euro-Cups so we thought we'd better give you a full guide as to the teams entered by the various countries.

Other overseas news of the week includes a full run-down of the names — real and imaginary — of the present Brazilian squad. Socrates' name, for example, runs to two lines...

All this and dozens of items — page 2.

CRAIG WHO?

Craig Johnston is being feted and marketed during his honeymoon-holiday in Australia before he returns to England and stardom with Liverpool.

But our regular columnist Allan Maher begs to opt out of the celebrations and advances some novel views on Johnston and our genuflecting to foreign deity.

Irreverent? Perhaps. But coming from an all-Australian international, they merit a thought or two — page 9.

OFF MARK

Mark is not very often on the mark nowadays — that is Mark Jankovics, of course, the talented though at present erratic Marconi striker-midfielder.

In a special story, highlighting his scoring record in the PSL, Jankovics tells why the goals have dried up, where he is likely to play in the next few years and what he intends to do as soon as the current season ends — page 9.

UNDO IT

Some top players had to be naturalised in a hurry to play for the Socceroos.

What happens now if any of them decides to go back to Britain, having been "stigmatised" by his rash action?

We offer some possible thought-provoking ideas and a get-rich-quick plan for the ASF — on page 12.



Hat-trick star Murray Barnes teasing Olympic's Peter Katholos in Sunday's goal-orgy match which produced nine-goals.

GREEK HERO IS BEARING GIFTS

Provided there are no last minute hitches, Westad could field their new Greek guest player Kostas Kouis against Marconi at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Kouis is due to fly into Adelaide this week from Salonika for about six guest appearances.

An attacking midfielder, Kouis has been a regular member of the Greek national team for three and a half years.

Kouis, 24, topped the Greek first division scorers' list with 18 league goals for Aris and an overall league and cups tally of 28 for the past season.

Former Westad skipper Neil McGachey and young Jimmy Hughes have been released to Rothmans League club Para Hills in exchange for Alan Miller and a cash consideration.

— A. Crisp

ONE TYPE OF HONEYMOON...



Craig Johnston (above), the newly signed Liverpool ace, got married on Saturday, played in a friendly match on Sunday and began a series of supermarket appearances on Monday, with his new bride in tow.

Hit match appearance was at the Athletic Field in Hakoah Old Boys v The Press.

Johnston showed some nice touches — but so did some of yesterday's stars such as Leo Baumgartner, Roy Blitz, Denis Yaeger and Frank Haffey.

In fact — one pondered — if Johnston's now worth \$2 million in England then Baumgartner must have surely been worth that much 20 years ago — and still worth a few bob today.

Two of Sydney's glamor clubs, Marconi and Sydney City, are planning some exciting overseas tours for the off-season.

Marconi have an invitation to play some matches in Saudi Arabia in October.

They also have a chance to visit South East Asia in January.

Sydney City are thinking Latin: a five-week tour of South America is a strong possibility.

While there, they would play matches in Argentina, Chile and Peru.

Rene Houseman, due to arrive today (Wed.) to join Sydney City, is bringing details of the tour with him.

Houseman comes with brother Marcello, 20, a former Argentinian youth international.

Their departure from New York was delayed by their expired Argentinian passports which had to be renewed

Youth Cup: ENGLAND AT FULL STRENGTH

England will send its strongest possible team for the World Youth Cup in October — that's the 'bad' news for Australia.

Drawn in the same preliminary group with England, Argentina and Cameroon, Australia must come first or second to qualify for the quarterfinals.

England are the European Youth champions — while Argentina won the 1979 World Youth Cup in Tokyo.

Coach of the England team, John Cartwright, told Kevin Darcy this week in a letter that his team will be built on first division players.

Darcy will be the liaison officer with the England team during the Cup.

"Clive Allan, Tommy Caton and other stars will be all in the team, according to Cartwright," Darcy said this week.

"Both the English FA and the Football League clubs have decided to release the best players for the tour.

"From what I hear, almost all the youngsters will come from first division clubs."

Argentina have also stepped up their preparations for the World Youth Cup.

Luis Cesar Menotti has again taken charge of the team — as he did in 1979 — and will prepare the squad.

WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS

YES, SOCRATES
IS EASIER...



Brazilian ace Arthur Antunes Coimbra — known as Zico.

Soccer journalists, broadcasters, program editors and World Cup organisers have been driven crazy for some 50 years now by the Brazilian custom of using nicknames for players.

The official team nomination list may speak of an Edson Arantes do Nascimento — but the world knew him only as Pele.

As a matter of interest, here are the current Brazilian internationals — their playing (or nicknames) and real family names:

VALDIR — Valdir Peres Arruda
PAULO SERGIO — Paulo Sergio Oliveira
EDEVALDO — Edevaldo Freitas
GETULIO — Getulio Costa Oliveira
OSCAR — Jose Oscar Bernardini
LUISENHO — Luis Carlos Ferreira
EDINHO — Edino Nazareth Filho
JUNIOR — Leovegildo Lins Gama
TONINHO CEREZO — Antonio Carlos Cerezo
RENATO — Carlos Frederico Renato
VITOR — Vitor Luiz Pereira da Silva
SOCRATES — Socrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Sousa Ferreira Oliveira
ZICO — Artur Antunes Coimbra
PAULO ISIDRO — Paulo Isidro de Jesus
REINALDO — Jose Reinaldo de Lima
ZE SERGIO — Jose Sergio Presti
EDER — Eder Aleixo Assis
PAULO CESAR — Paulo Cesar Oliveira

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THE STARTERS IN EUROPE

The draws of the three Euro-Cups will be made in Zurich this week.
These are the teams for the various Cups:

	CHAMPIONS' CUP	CUPWINNERS' CUP	U.E.F.A. CUP
England	Aston Villa Liverpool	Tottenham	Ipswich Arsenal W.Bromwich Southampton
Austria	Austria Wien	Grazer AK	Sturm Graz Rapid
Belgium	Anderlecht	Standard	Lokeren Beveren Winterslag FC Bruges
Bulgaria	CSZKA Sofia	Trakija	Levski Akademik
Cyprus	Omonia	Pafalimni	Pezoporikos
Czechoslovakia	Banik	Dukla Praha	Sparta Praha Bohemians
Denmark	Kobenhavn	Vejle	Odense
Northern Ireland	Glentoran	Ballymena	Linfield
Finland	OPS Oulu	Kotka TP	Haka
France	St.Etienne	Bastia	Nantes
Greece	Olympiakos	PAOK	Bordeaux Monaco
Holland	AZ 67	Ajax	Arisz AFK Athen
Eire	Athl.Town	Dundalk	Utrecht PSV
Iceland	Valur	Fram	Feyenoord
Yugoslavia	C.Zvezda	Velez	Limerick Vikingur
Luxembourg	Nidercorn	Jeunesse	Hajduk Radnicki
Poland	Widzew	Legia	Red Boys Wisla
Hungary	Ferencvaros	Vasas	Szombierki
Malta	Hibernians	Floriana	Tatabanya Videoton
East Germany	D.Berlin	Lok.Leipzig	Sliema CZ Jena
Norway	Start	Vaalerengen	Magdeburg
West Germany	B.Munchen	E.Frankfurt	Byrne Hamburg Stuttgart
Italy	Juventus	Roma	Kaiserslautern Monchengladbach
Portugal	Benfica	Porto	Napoli Inter
Rumania	Craiova	P.Timisoara	Sporting Boavista
Scotland	Celtic	Rangers	D.Bucuresti Arges
Spain	Real Sociedad	Barcelona	Aberdeen St.Mirren
Switzerland	FC Zurich	Lausanne	Real Madrid Valencia
Sweden	Oster	Kalmar	Ati.Madrid
USSR	Din.Kijev	D.Tbilisi	Grasshoppers Neuchatel
Turkey	Travzonspor	Ankaragucu	Malmö Goteborg
Wales		Swansea	Szp.Moszkva Zenit CSZKA Mo.
			Adanaspor

EUROPE GOES TO PRAGUE

A European select will play Czechoslovakia in Prague on August 18.

The Europe-team has been selected jointly by West Germany's Jupp Derwall and Russia's Konstantin Beskov.

They had to bypass players from England and Spain as these have been declared unavailable.

This is their squad:
Goalies: Schumacher (Germany), Koncilia (Austria), Pantelic (Yugoslavia).

Defenders: Kaltz (Germany), Pezzy (Austria),

Humberto (Portugal), Kroli (Holland), Michel (France), Stojkovic (Yugoslavia).

Midfielders: Breitner, Muller, Schuster (all Germany), Nyilasi (Hungary), Antognoni (Italy), Kipiani, Burjak (USSR).

Strikers: Torocsik (Hungary), Blokhin (USSR), Surjak (Yugoslavia), Botteron (Switzerland), Krankl (Austria), Schachner (Germany), Rummenigge (Germany), Bettega (Italy), Mavros (Greece).

More in Yugoslavia

The waves of the latest Yugoslav soccer scandal have swept over from Maribor to another club, Rudar, also in second division.

The investigators have found that in recent seasons club officials have paid out about \$30,000 in illegal bonuses to players.

Some players have been getting up to \$1,000 a month in "under the counter payments," others have had their hotel bills paid by the club.

Two former presidents of the Slovenian Rudar, Dragan Rogic and Rozse Suhaj, have been arrested.

• Ron Atkinson, recently appointed, is the first ever manager of Manchester United who isn't a Catholic.

• The Argentinian Juan Ramon Carrasco from the Racing club has been signed by Atletico Madrid.

• Hamburg have started negotiations with Simonsen and Krankl (both Barcelona), Surjak (Yugoslavia) and Bastrup (Denmark) — but will probably settle for just one of them.

• Nottingham's Swiss star Raimondo Ponte will play for the French (Corsican) Bastia in the new season.

• Zoltan Varga, 36, former Hungarian international, has signed as coach for the West German Preussen Munster.

• Leeds United are still hoping to acquire Uruguay central striker Waldemar Victorino.

• After the championship, Craiova University Iso won the Rumanian Cup, beating Politecnica Timisoara in the final.

• Martin O'Neill, the Nottingham star on loan to Norwich, has been signed by Manchester City.

• The West German FC Kolin (Cologne) will make a serious bid for the 1981-82 title: they have signed internationals Klaus Fischer (Schalke) and Klaus Allofs (Dusseldorf) as well as youngster Paul Steiner (Duisburg).

• Argentina's top goalie Ubaldo Fillol will retire after the 1982 World Cup.

• Top Buenos Aires club River Plate seem to have over-reached themselves and are in deep financial trouble which may lead to the selling of Mario Kempes on whom they still owe \$2,800,000 to Valencia in Spain.

• Dutch star Frans Thijssen has changed his mind about returning to Holland and has decided to stay with Ipswich.

• Algeria's new national team boss is a Yugoslav, Milovan Cacic, 62, former national team star and manager of Yugoslavia.

• Rumania's technical director and FA vice president Stefan Kovacs is considering an offer from a top Greek club.

• Recently dismissed as manager of Poland, Ryszard Kulesza has signed a four-year contract to coach Tunisia's national side.

• Gremio of Porto Alegre won the Brazilian title enabling them to play in the next South American Cup together with losing finalists, FC Sao Paulo.

• Women's soccer is not allowed in Brazil — but on a recreational basis some 500 teams play regularly.

• By scoring four goals in his team's last match, Bulgarian Slavkov of Trakia surprisingly piped the post Hungary's Tibor Nyilasi for the Golden Boot award of 1981.

GOALIE KICK

It's that feared Scandinavian temperament... wouldn't hand him the ball for the freekick.

Roy Amundsen, Norway's International goalie, last week knocked out a referee and then kicked him while on the ground whereupon the referee sent the goalie off.

Amundsen became Amundsen's assault on furious when during a league match an opponent, ruled offside, and broken ribs.



PREVIEW OF PSL

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

MOMENTUM



West Adelaide are making a valiant weekly attempt to get off the bottom but their position is getting increasingly hopeless.

Indeed, even with their new Greek guest star due this week, they face yet another uphill battle in their desperate search for points.

Marconi have at last rectified one of their problems: in their last two games they have not conceded a single goal.

If only their talented strikers could get a new lease of life and shake off their jitters, Marconi's revival could gain further momentum and what better chance than here against a lacklustre Westend?

Our tip: Marconi 2-1.

HOUSEMAN ?



Perhaps, at long last, Heidelberg are coming good though they won't play a deciding role in this year's championship.

The Slickers have now hit their top and it will be interesting to see where Argentinian ace Rene Houseman is slotted into this star-studded team.

Boden will be fit for Sunday though there is just the smallest doubt about the fitness of Watson and Kosmina, so Houseman could make his Australian debut on Sunday.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.

John Yzendoorn

SHACKLED



It's almost certain that Leichhardt-APIA will devise some sort of a masterplan to counter the predictably cautious approach of the Wolves.

While coach Willie Wallace is eagerly awaiting the return of Giampaolo from his long lay-off, he must be happy with the form of young goal-grabber Soper and that of John Bradley who, even a few weeks ago, appeared to be among the discards.

Wollongong cannot be accused of being a recklessly attacking side and their often sterile, pack-the-defence tactics begin to irritate not just their opponents but also their own fans.

Our tip: Leichhardt 1-0.

Greg Woodhouse



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WHO'LL ROAR?

The question is, will it be the Lions who will bite or their guests who will roar themselves back into form after their shock defeat of last week.

The Lions had their almost traditional away draw on Sunday, thanks to a goal by Ferris.

Meanwhile, Adcity, not content with a home draw, fell prey to some startling Footscray counter-attacks at the end.

On Sunday Fashanu will be back in action, teaming up for the first time with young Mitchell and this could produce some fireworks in Brisbane even against the solid Lions defence.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.



Charlie Villani

JOB WELL DONE



Ian Souness, having scored one of the nine goals last Sunday at the Athletic Field, in an exciting PSL match.

INITIATIVES

Newcastle find it a trifle more difficult to get goals without the brilliant Channon and they could well suffer from a shortage of goals again when they meet the highly ranked South Melbourne.

Still, in their recent games Newcastle were often in an irresistible mood and they are likely to take the initiative from the start.

South Melbourne are still not firing as they did about six weeks ago and coach Margaritis is obviously trying to find his most efficient striking combination utilising such talents as Buljevic, Evans, Cummings, Campbell and the Kiwi ace Wooddin.

Our tip: Newcastle 1-0.



Phil Dando

VULNERABLE

This game will be pretty vital for both Blacktown and Preston, both dwelling uncomfortably close to the cellar.

Blacktown have had a dreadful run of outs lately though last Sunday they went down only very narrowly to the glamour team, South Melbourne.

Preston, with three new signings—Wilson, Farrell and Boyle—certainly look much stronger than a few weeks ago.

Ollerton and Cullen will cause problems for the Blacktown defence especially if the hosts, eager for the points, open up and throw everything into attack and leave themselves vulnerable for some quick counter-raids.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.



Mike Milovanovic

AWKWARD

Wonders never cease: Footscray won their first away match of the season and scored more goals in the process than in all their previous excursions so far this year.

Now they have to prove that form correct at home against Brisbane City who can be extremely awkward opponents.

Brisbane City, one feels, are gradually slipping out of title contentions but they have the experience and discipline to win this one without causing too much of a surprise.

Our tip: 1-1.



Dragan Licanin

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TEAM OF ROUND 20

MATSOPoulos (Canberra)	BERTOGNA (Wollongong)	P. WILSON (Leichhardt)	RASMUSSEN (Blacktown)
ILIOSKI (Footscray)	ROGERS (Sth.Melb.)	BARNES (Sydney City)	O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)
WATSON (Sydney City)	KOSSAS (Olympic)		

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*			1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1	0-1			4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0		-1-1			1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0		1-2	0-0	
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*		2-2			0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2					0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS		3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0		0-0		2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		*	5-0		0-1	0-0	2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0			*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1		1-0	1-1	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1		*			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2			0-0		2-2	*		1-1	2-1			0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1	*		1-2	1-0		1-0	1-1	
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0		2-1		1-0		2-1	2-1		1-0	*	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB		4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1			*	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1		*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1		0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2		
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2		1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0	1-1		2-1	3-4	1-1		0-0	2-2	3-1		*	

MIDWEEK GAME

SYDNEY CITY v WOLLONGONG 1-0(0-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)
Clarke (3)
Mullen (3) Spanos (3) O'Connor (4) Bruce (3)
Cant (4) Watson (3) Robertson (3)
Murray (3) Kosmina (3) Boden (3)

Tredinnick (3) McBreen (3)
Adam (3) Fleming (3) Ainsworth (3) Lathan (3)
Dunleavy (3) Bertogna (3) De Graaf (3) Willis (3)
Vardareff (4)

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacements: Campbell (61m) for Fleming, Patikas (74m) for Watson, Lee (77m) for Murray.
Goal: Cant (61m).
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 2,419.

In a game which is best to forget in a hurry Sydney City added two valuable points to their tally.

Ken Morton, Wollongong's coach, was criticising earlier this year Rale Basic because of his offside trap and defensive tactics.

After this game, he has no right to do so; no other team has ever played a more ultra-defensive style than this.

Wollongong seemed totally disinterested in even trying to score and all they were looking for was a way to stop Sydney City from getting a goal.

The most dangerous ball Todd Clarke had to handle all evening was a backpass by his own defender Kevin Mullen.

The Slickers should have scored three or four in the first half and the best chance fell in

the 16th minute to Murray but he hesitated in front of the goal too long enabling Vardareff to save.

Boden saw his shot saved after a Kosmina pass and when four Slicker attackers were facing two Wollongong defenders Cant's final pass was intercepted.

The all important goal came in the 61st minute when, after a freekick, Cant sent in a low shot off the post.

The surprisingly good mid-week evening crowd was bored by Wollongong's spoiling tactics.

The Slickers, while they dominated the game, were far below their best, missing badly their regular midfield trio.

Barnes was injured, Souness suspended and Patikas, just back from Noumea, went on late in the match as a sub.

— Joe Marton.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Riverwood v Manly	0-1	1-1	3-1
Croatia v Nth.Syd.	6-0	2-0	1-1
Melita v Avala	1-1	0-0	1-0
P'matta v Sutherl.	0-4	2-1	1-3
Bankst. v Auburn	3-4	2-3	0-1
St.Geo. v Cant.Mvl	3-0	3-1	1-0

Division 1

Fry.Mdw. v N.Bank	2-1	3-0	4-4
Warring. v Penrith	4-1	2-2	0-2
Bathr.v Kuringai	0-0	0-7	0-2
Revesby v Belmore	1-0	1-0	0-9
W'gong v Uni NSW	3-0	5-0	2-0
Guildfrd.v Gl'vele	1-1	1-0	1-1
Blacktown v Yugal	0-4	0-0	5-0
Yugal v Gl'vele	3-1	0-2	—

Division 2

Liverpool v L.Cove	3-2	3-0	4-4
Bonnigryg v C'twn	2-1	1-1	0-4
N.Ryde v R'stne	2-0	3-1	3-0
Gladesv.l.Baulk.H	0-3	2-1	3-1
Mt.Druitt v Baulk.H	2-0	1-0	1-7
Dee.Why v Qns.Pk	1-2	2-3	0-1
Gladesv.l.V'Mvl	1-1	2-2	—

Division 3

Bondi v Hurstville	0-1	6-1	
W.Ryde v Fairfield	2-2	0-3	
Syd.Uni v Pt.Hack	1-0	2-2	
East.Crk. v Went	0-5	0-1	
Twenty v Kingsfrd	0-1	1-2	
Pt.Hack. v Artarm.	1-5	0-5	
Pads.Prk. v Syd.Uni	0-1	3-0	
Padditon v East.C.	2-2	2-0	

Division 4

N.Rocks v W.Holr.	0-0	0-0	
Maroubra v Win.H.	1-1	0-1	
Can.H. v Eastwd.	2-3	0-1	
Fairfield v W.Chels.	3-1	2-0	
Revesby v W.St.Geo	1-3	2-4	
Ryde Dist.v Conc.	1-2	0-1	

Division 5

Eden.P. v Mac.Uni	3-1	0-2	
Chullora v Mooreb.	3-2	1-3	
Pagewd. v Grn.Val	2-0	1-2	
Camden v Hab'lld	2-3	5-1	
Hawkesb. v Auburn	3-1	1-0	

Division 6

Rang.Haj. v Bl.Wan	1-4	2-2	
Lpl.Utd. v Lpl.City	1-2	1-1	
Robins v T'dinos	5-0	2-1	
Lpl.Rang. v Colo C	1-1	1-3	
P'matta v S.Syd.	2-1	0-5	
Bl.Work. v Bankst.	6-0	3-1	

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	17	11	4	2	46	15	26
Leichhardt	16	11	3	2	40	19	25
Newcastle	17	8	6	3	34	29	22
A.I.S.	18	9	3	6	42	28	21
Sydney City	16	5	6	5	34	23	16
Olympians	17	5	6	6	21	20	16
Wollongong	18	6	2	10	22	43	14
Blacktown	14	2	1	11	18	35	5
Canberra	13	—	12	8	53	1	

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK:

A.I.S. v Wollongong 1-2
Leichhardt v A.I.S. 2-1
Sydney v Olympians 0-0
Wollongong v Newcastle 0-0
Canberra v Marconi 0-3

THIS WEEK:

Blacktown v A.I.S., 12.30pm, Gabbie Stadium

Leichhardt v Wollongong, 12.30pm, Lambert Park



WEEKEND GUIDE TO

PHILIPS LEAGUE



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

Next week: Marconi v Olympic

Palmer



WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianios, 15. Marusic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaks.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Hindmarsh

Next week: Wollongong v West Adelaide

Honeyman



FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 12. Licanin, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler

Next week: Sydney City v Footscray

Verweij



BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic. Coach: R. Basic.

Sunday, 3pm
Gabbie Stadium

Next week: Adelaide City v Blacktown

Djordjevic



HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park

Next week: Canberra v Heidelberg

Provan



NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

Next week: Preston v Newcastle

Senkalski



BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lownes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Richlands

Next week: Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions

Hermiston



LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Butler, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park

Next week: St. Melbourne v Leichhardt

O'Connor

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Olympic v Canberra 2-2
1978: Olympic v Canberra 1-2
1979: Olympic v Canberra 0-0
In 1981: Canberra v Olympic 2-1

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Westad v Marconi 0-1
1978: Westad v Marconi 2-1
1979: Westad v Marconi 1-2
1980: Westad v Marconi 0-1
In 1981: Marconi v Westad 1-0

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Footscray v Brisbane City 2-1
1978: Footscray v Brisbane City 2-2
1979: Footscray v Brisbane City 2-0
1980: Footscray v Brisbane City 1-1
In 1981: Brisbane City v Footscray 2-0

PAST RESULTS:

Blacktown v Preston for the first time.
In 1981: Preston v Blacktown 2-3

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Heidelberg v Sydney City 1-3
1978: Heidelberg v Sydney City 1-1
1979: Heidelberg v Sydney City 2-2
1980: Heidelberg v Sydney City 0-0
In 1981: Sydney City v Heidelberg 1-0

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Newcastle v Sth. Melbourne 1-1
1979: Newcastle v Sth. Melbourne 3-0
1980: Newcastle v Sth. Melbourne 1-0
In 1981: Sth. Melbourne v Newcastle 2-0

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Lions v Adelaide City 1-1
1978: Lions v Adelaide City 3-1
1979: Lions v Adelaide City 0-6
1980: Lions v Adelaide City 1-2
In 1981: Adelaide City v Lions 3-2

PAST RESULTS:

Leichhardt v Wollongong for the first time.
In 1981: Wollongong v Leichhardt 1-1

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc

Linesmen: G. Power
K. Tooke

Next week: Canberra v Heidelberg



Brennan

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krnecovic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: G. Neal

Linesmen: T. Martell
J. Woodward

Next week: Marconi v Olympic



Krnecovic

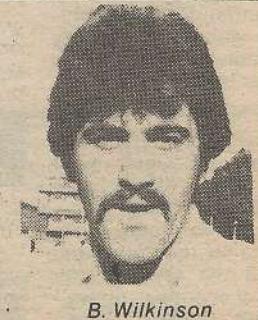
BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge

Linesmen: M. Momont
J. Brennan

Next week: Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions



B. Wilkinson

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

REFEREE: D. Rennie

Linesmen: R. Barton
M. Loupis

Next week: Preston v Newcastle



Rainey

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. R. Houseman, 12. Cant, 13. M. Houseman, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: J. Johnston

Linesmen: J. Fearn
N. Karlich

Next week: Sydney City v Footscray



Bruce

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Woodin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: A. Rodway

Linesmen: B. Bay
O. Scevak

Next week: St. Melbourne v Leichhardt



Shirra

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 18. Fashanu, 22. Przyblyski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: C. Amos

Linesmen: G. Nicholson
D. Klose

Next week: Adelaide City v Blacktown



Melta

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: P. Rampley

Linesmen: B. Fowler
A. Morrison

Next week: Wollongong v West Adelaide



Campbell

SCOREBOARD

The pressure of topping the Philips League table proved too great a burden for Adcity Giants as they fell to their problem opponents in this entertaining game.

The untimely loss — Adcity's first home defeat since they crashed to Wollongong two months ago — stunned their supporters.

But Footscray's success should not have been a surprise because the skilled ball-players have twice before triumphed in Adelaide.

Win, lose or draw, Footscray always manage to produce attractive football, but the essential difference this time was their marriage of individual skill with clever team play.

This wasn't quite the classic encounter most fans had expected but there was enough pace, commitment and chances to lift the game well above the level of the normal scoreless draws.

Both teams broke quickly when in possession of the ball with Brennan and Sharne spearheading their respective raids.

Sharne's passing and crosses, however, often fell short of what one would expect from a Socceroo.

His performance was duly mirrored by his fellow strikers, Jankovics and Krnecovic though they at least did fairly well in the aerial duels.

It was in the midfield

South Melbourne's former Socceroo midfielder George Christopoulos will be leaving Australia to try his luck in Europe later this month.

Christopoulos has a trial set up with a top Greek club but may decide to forge his way through in UK if that doesn't work out.

The midfielder announced his plans after the match and his departure may light the fuse to the decline of South Melbourne where the behind the scene story resembles an ammunition store ready to blow up.

In the meantime the narrow 2-1 victory over Blacktown re-instated the side in the fray for

ODD ENDING

Footscray played an adventurous version of the 4-2-4 system which was far from perfect, but Dennis Boland handsomely atoned for any shortcomings with a superb goalkeeping display.

Bouncy Boland started his pulsating performance by saving a second minute penalty from City's spot-kicking, Johnny Nyskohus, whose solidly hit attempt would have beaten most custodians.

Boland then proceeded to thwart City with great saves from Charlie Villani, Sergio Melta and David Jones in the first half and then

made encore efforts to deny Melta and substitute Peter Rankin in the second term.

Despite Boland's heroics, it was by no means one way pressure.

Jack Przybylski's goal was charmed during that flurry, but City's luck ran out in the 15th minute when Zoran Iloski rammed home a great drive from 25 metres.

City went in at half-time a goal down, but spread wider from the restart and began to probe aggressively for the equaliser.

It came when Johnny Nyskohus nodded a floated left wing corner

past Boland in the 59th minute and City had 30 minutes left to retain their PSL table lead.

City pushed forward to force their sixth corner of the half, but when Footscray managed their first flag-kick of the term it brought success as big Jim Kondarios headed past a maze of defenders.

It was 3-1 two minutes later when Cozzella calmly hooked a rising drive past Przybylski from inside the box to complete the upset and considerably reduce Footscray's demotion fears.

— Allan Crisp

TOP PACE

where the guests' real strength lay.

Byrne was hard working, efficient and accurate in passing while Housseini carried on a great personal battle throughout the match niggling away at the nippy McLaren.

It was no surprise that they both earned a caution before fulltime.

Canberra exerted most of the pressure particularly in the second half and the home crowd found it hard to believe they couldn't crack home at least one.

Purdie shot wide from 25 metres after a Gibson back-heel, then Brennan

sprinted onto a long through-ball only to be blocked by Maher and in the 38th minute at the end of a lovely move, Gibson hit the ball wide to Cole whose cross was headed inches wide by a flying Brennan.

Terry Byrne was moving from behind and young Matsopoulos, deserting Sharne, put extra pressure on the Marconi defence.

There was no slow build-up; it was all pace.

If anything there was an even greater sense of urgency in the second half.

Henderson and Mariani often preferred to bypass their midfield

by playing the long ball forward but these tactics were rarely successful.

Maher brought off a marvellous one-handed save from a McLaren thunderbolt in the 72nd minute.

Massa, who came on for Gibson, had a flick header cleared off the line by Henderson while at the other end Sharne somewhat overdid his reaction to a questionable tackle by R. O'Shea and ended up empty-handed.

All this will no doubt be forgotten in the weeks to come and when Channell O recall the great misses of the year, Purdie's 63rd minute attempt from three metres will be hard to top.

— Peter Kunz

POWDER KEGS

the championship challenge.

But even that is no consolation as the team's performance on Sunday was anything but inspiring.

Both teams put the emphasis on defence and after a dull first half, it took an own goal to put the home side in the lead.

The goal came in a goalmouth scramble started by Steve Woodin's cross from the byline.

In the ensuing melee Bruce James palmed out Branko Buljevic's header, and two Blacktown defenders tried desperately to get

the ball off the line only to see it end up in the back of the net.

After the match Rick Hormazabal admitted that the ball bounced off his thigh into the net.

Another defensive mistake led to South's second goal in the 70th minute.

This time it was James who made the error letting Vince Bannon's freekick slip through his hand into the net.

After that the possibility was there for South to score three goals in the one match for the first time this season but incredibly they let Blacktown off

the hook conceding a sloppy goal 10 minutes from time.

Peter Jones scored it after an exchange of three passes in the penalty area.

The visitors almost equalised from the restart when Brian O'Donnell intercepted Alan Davidson's crossfield pass but Peter Laumets came to the rescue making a fine save off the midfielder's shot.

Considering the negative attitude of both sides it was only natural that the best performances came from defenders.

— Paul Galea

CAPT. BRAVE

bring stronger pressure on the Preston back-line.

Peter Ollerton, who had been strengthening the defensive cover, came through with an overpowering run at 24 minutes, just failing to reach the target.

This must have inspired Jim Hermiston to sprint up the middle at a rate of knots at the 30th minute, when Brisbane's left field made hay up the wing with a possible cross not arriving.

Lions were more at home now and the heavy going worried them not one whit.

Preston opened the second half in nervous and tentative fashion, although the change-over of Lucchesi for Whittle gave a slicker mobility to the attack.

Players were showing signs of weariness, and it was a matter of sheer fitness which kept the game flowing at all.

An Ollerton shot halfway through the second half, gave Lowndes a test, but he grasped the low drive in fine fashion.

A cheap corner given to Lions saw Low put in a hard shot which stayed low for Ferris to com-

pensate for previous failures at the 73rd minute.

Preston threatened instant retaliation, and it was Jim Hermiston who broke the attack on this occasion.

However, I feel that Preston put more relish into the task in the later stages, and Peter Ollerton had his team doing best in a hearty all-out attack which finally brought the equaliser with only two minutes to go.

Farrell did a lot of spade work before putting over a tidy cross for Peter Ollerton to head home in a real captain's fashion.

— Jock Stephen

ADELAIDE CITY v FOOTSCRAY 1-3(0-1)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

B. Nyskohus (4)	Przybylski (3)	Jones (4)	Perin (3)	Russell (3)
Melta (4)	Marocchi (3)	Villani (4)	Northcote (3)	J. Nyskohus (3)
	Mitchell (3)			
Lujic (4)	Belic (3)	Verweij (3)		Cozzella (4)
Kakantonis (3)	Jovanovic (4)	Iloski (5)		
	Kondarios (4)	O'Reilly (4)		Hazabent (3)
	Boland (5)			

Footscray (4-2-4)

Replacement: Rankin (73m) for Northcote.
Goals: 0-1 Iloski (15m), 1-1 J. Nyskohus (59m), 1-2 Kondarios (82m), 1-3 Cozzella (84m).
Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 3,600 — Cautions: Northcote, O'Reilly, Jovanovic.

CANBERRA v MARCONI 0-0

Canberra (4-3-3)

Matsopoulos (5)	Hoszowski (4)	T. Byrne (4)	M. O'Shea (3)	R. O'Shea (3)
Purdie (3)	J. O'Shea (3)			Cole (3)
McLaren (4)	Gibson (3)			Brennan (4)
Sharne (3)	Krnecovic (3)			Jankovics (3)
Johnson (3)	G. Byrne (4)			Housseini (4)
Brogan (3)	Mariani (4)			Henderson (3)
				Degney (3)
			Maher (5)	

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Hunter (45m) for Jankovics, Valeri (62m) for Brennan, Massa (78m) for Gibson.
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 4,160 — Cautions: M. O'Shea, McLaren, Housseini.

STH. MELBOURNE v BLACKTOWN 2-1(0-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

V. Bannon (4)	Laumets (3)	Xanthopoulos (3)	Blair (3)	Davidson (4)
Stevenson (3)	Rogers (5)		Christopoulos (4)	
Campbell (3)	Evans (4)		Woodin (3)	
Turner (4)	Burrows (3)		Jones (3)	
O'Donnell (4)	Hormazabal (3)		Djordjevic (3)	
Milovanovic (4)	Pointer (3)	Rasmussen (5)	Selvage (5)	
	James (3)			

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Buljevic (58m) for Campbell, Wheatley (69m) for Burrows.
Goals: 1-0 Hormazabal (o.g. 62m), 2-0 Bannon (70m), 2-1 Jones (79m).
Referee: D. Yolland — Crowd: 4,000 — Cautions: Rogers, Evans, Jones.

PRESTON v LIONS 1-1(0-0)

Preston (4-3-3)

Rainey (3)	R. Wilson (3)	Petrovski (4)	McMillan (4)	Beech (4)
Whittle (3)	Farrell (4)		Brown (3)	
Cullen (3)	Ollerton (4)		Boyle (4)	
McNaughton (3)	Daunt (3)		Low (4)	
Hogg (4)	McLean (3)		Ferris (4)	
Niven (3)	Bennett (4)		Hermiston (4)	
	Lowndes (4)		Ontong (3)	

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacement: Lucchesi (54m) for Whittle.
Goals: 0-1 Ferris (73m), 1-1 Ollerton (88m).
Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 3,000 — Cautions: Brown, Daunt.

WESTFIELD SCOREBOARD

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SYDNEY CITY v OLYMPIC 5-4 (4-1)

Sydney City (4-2)

Mullen (3)	Spanos (4)	O'Connor (3)	Bruce (3)
Patikas (4)	Souness (4)	Cant (4)	Barnes (5)
	Watson (4)	Kosmina (3)	
Jennings (4)	Koussas (4)	Scott (2)	
Raskopoulos (4)	Katholos (3)	Laing (3)	
Palmer (2)	Rowden (2)	K. Wilson (3)	Moulis (2)
	Meier (2)		

Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacement: Robertson (76m) for Watson.
Goals: 1-0 Cant (14m), 2-0 Souness (21m), 3-0 Barnes (31m), 3-1 Jennings (36m), 4-1 Barnes (39m), 5-1 Barnes (64m), 5-2 Raskopoulos (66m), 5-3 Jennings (72m), 5-4 Koussas (89m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 6,892 — Caution: Moulis.

What at one stage appeared to be a knock-out ultimately turned into an exciting and close points decision.

Sydney City, brilliantly counter-punching against a gamely attacking Olympic, surged to a stunning 3-0 lead, converting their first three chances.

A Cant header, an explosive Souness shot and a Barnes solo seemed enough to knock the stuffing out of any ordinary team.

But Olympic, with all their faults and structural flaws, are anything but ordinary and they began to fight back.

Koussas tapped home a smart Jennings cross to give Olympic a ray of hope but minutes later

GOAL FLOOD

Barnes grabbed his second goal as he lobbed the goalie from 14 metres.

When Barnes headed in a Watson freekick to make it 5-1, it looked all over.

But Olympic, amazingly urged on by their loyal crowd, began an almost impossible climb back.

First Raskopoulos toed in a close shot then Jennings smashed home a low shot at the near post.

With 18 minutes to go Olympic had chances to save a point; their constant attacks against the fiercely defending Sy-

dney City produced some chances.

As it was, they managed only one more goal, seconds before the end when a precision cross by Jennings was headed in by Koussas.

Both teams deserve high credit for their adventurous game and first class finishing.

Far too often teams do create openings in games but remain sterile.

Still, it must be also added, for the sake of accuracy, that both defences were somewhat disorganised.

Olympic's back four failed in marking their

opponents and were often standing square, ball-watching.

Towards the end Sydney City's defence made the same mistake, contributing to Olympic's amazing revival.

But these warts should not be allowed to detract from the overall positive features of the game.

Nine goals, a superb atmosphere, a competitive yet sporting spirit on the field and excellent refereeing by Tim Davies will make us remember this game with nostalgia for a long time.

— Andrew Dettre

BRISBANE CITY v HEIDELBERG 1-2 (0-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Caldwell (3)	Ratcliffe (4)	Dunne (4)	B. Wilkinson (3)
Vincenzino (3)	Pimblett (4)	Gaffney (2)	
Palinkas (3)	P. Wilkinson (2)	McVeigh (3)	
Paton (3)	Cole (2)		
Rooney (3)	Yankos (3)	Campbell (3)	Selemidis (3)
Laikades (3)	Provan (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	McMillan (3)
Oliver (3)			

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacements: Bozikas (73m) for Yankos; Perry (80m) for Vincenzino.
Goals: 1-0 P. Wilkinson (76m), 1-1 Yzendoorn (78m), 1-2 Campbell (90m).
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 2,430 — Caution: McVeigh.

It would be nice to report that this game was great, a fighting surrender of their unbeaten home record by Brisbane City.

Unfortunately it was not so, as an entertainment it did little to please the crowd who had faced a gale force chilling wind to see their team in action.

Heidelberg began the exercise by testing the retention qualities of their back defenders and the dye was cast for the first 45 minutes.

Brisbane pressed constantly but the nearest they came to scoring was when Paul Wilkinson played a one-two, crashed the ball past Oliver, but watched as his shot rebounded

Leichhardt's victory looks slim on the paper but they fully deserved both points.

West Adelaide's was a game performance as they contested every ball to the final whistle.

The first half was fairly even and the visitors drew first blood in the 7th minute when a Manecas shot went just side.

In the 27th minute Woodhouse had to use all his height to save a Brown header from close range following a left wing cross by Forde.

A minute later Leichhardt had a chance to open the score but O'Connor's pass was missed by both Hughes and Bradley in front of goal.

Wollongong Wolves gave their best display for weeks when they were held to a scoreless draw by Newcastle.

It was the home side's 11th draw in 21 games.

Newcastle should have suffered their first defeat under coach Ray Baartz, but for some stout hearted defence by the Raiders and some inept finishing by Wollongong which kept the scoresheet blank.

The Wolves had more than 75 percent of the play but failed to take advantage of their territorial supremacy.

Clive Campbell had the ball in the back of the net after 87 minutes but the 'goal' was

HIT & RUN

from the post.

McVeigh, who had a good first half, did well to cut a ball back across the goal only to see Wilkinson and Gaffney caught unaware.

Then he could only grimace when a header curved high over Olver but bounced on top of the bar.

The second half found Heidelberg a bit more adventurous but with seven or eight men constantly battling in the midfield little was being created.

Paton did well when he pivotted and almost beat Coe with a good shot.

Heidelberg are still far from their old selves.

They missed the sidelined Jim Tansey while up front Gary Cole's woes continue as he struggles to regain his old form.

It seems that Len McKendry may need time to re-create the wonderful cohesion and rhythm which characterised his team last year.

— Jim Binnie



LEICHHARDT v WEST ADELAIDE 1-0(0-0)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Bradley (4)	Pullen (3)	Woodhouse (4)	Wilson (4)	McAusland (3)
Hughes (3)	Kafka (2)	Butler (3)		
Gray (3)	Soper (3)	O'Connor (5)		
Manecas (4)	Kowalski (2)	Smythe (4)		
Brown (2)	Honeyman (3)	Topaz (3)		
Bozanic (4)	Kambas (3)	Forde (3)	McGregor (3)	
		Crooke (4)		

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: Morsello (54m) for Kafka, Marisic (57m) for Brown, Lorenzoni (78m) for Kowalski.
Goal: Soper (69m).
Referee: T. Boskovic — Crowd: 3,872 — Cautions: Smythe, Forde.

SOPER-SHOW

In the 37th minute O'Connor, having a fine game, laid on a glorious ball for Bradley but his attempt to lob the ball with his knee over the keeper hit the crossbar.

This youngster looks good and a lot more will be heard of him before the season is over.

Leichhardt finally broke the deadlock in the 59th minute when O'Connor sent a high cross to the head of Soper who rose beautifully to knock in a nice goal.

Before you could say amen Soper had another ball at the back of the net but the referee ruled him offside.



to equalising.

The Leichhardt attacks looked promising and sub Morsello, O'Connor and Bradley combined well to create all sorts of havocs for the visitors.

But give credit where it's due: the Westad defenders did a good job to prevent further goals.

This certainly kept them in the match to the end, with the slim hope of snatching an equaliser out of the blue.

Still, it wasn't to be: Leichhardt kept their composure, dictated terms for the game and went on to wrap up the two points which seldom looked in any serious danger for them.

— Einar Person

WOLLONGONG v NEWCASTLE 0-0

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Fleming (3)	Bertogna (4)	De Graaf (4)	Ainsworth (4)
Adam (4)	Dunleavy (4)	P. Tredinnick (4)	
Fontana (4)	Lathan (3)	Campbell (3)	
Heys (3)	Mountford (3)	Jones (3)	
Sumner (4)	Senkalski (3)	Mason (3)	
H. Tredinnick (4)	Sneddon (3)	Drinkwater (4)	Reaney (4)
		Dando (4)	

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Refferee: K. Small — Crowd: 4,700 — Cautions: Fontana, Drinkwater.

TAME WOLVES

disallowed.

Referee Small, with the help of a linesman's report, judged that the ball had been taken across the by-line by Fontana before his cross to Campbell.

The Wolves created at least five good chances to Newcastle's one.

Late in the game Vardareff made a brilliant save from a Senkalski drive.

Wollongong's best chance came through P. Tredinnick when he sent a thunderous drive centimetres past the far post, with Dando stranded on the far post.

As so often in the past Wollongong failed badly in the opposing penalty area.

Drinkwater and Sneddon were always solid at

the back for Newcastle, but they were aided by a lack of Wolves aggression in the box.

Wollongong won the game everywhere except in the goalscoring department while Newcastle, urged on by their vocal horde of travelling supporters, defended stoutly.

This game, although not producing any goals, was full of excitement and kept up the fighting tradition of Wollongong-Newcastle clashes of the fifties.

— Paul Posetti

Tailenders face tough battles

The State League pacesetters could have a marked effect on the bottom of the table this week as five matches are 'top v bottom' affairs.

Leaders Croatia travel to Mona Park on Sunday for the clash with Auburn.

Auburn were inspired to win their match against Blacktown.

To find a last burst of energy to grab the match was a firm indication they aren't finished yet, but also showed once again the value of John MacDonald to the team.

Croatia have several players still carrying injuries, yet steamrolled Norths last week in an awesome display of fire-power.

With the two Silvas, Hensman and Borges up front they should be too strong for Auburn and we tip a Croatia win 3-0.

St. George tackle the battling Parramatta with some old acquaintances meeting: both Herron and Hamilton are former Saints men, as is goalkeeper Dennis Donovan.

Saints will be determined not to drop any more points in their pursuit of the title but will have to watch the giant-killers Parramatta.

We tip a Saints win 2-0.

Melita are in for a torrid time against Manly, now that the seadiders have Terry Smith to bolster their forward line.

The Eagles dropped another point last week to Avala and will be certainly on their toes against the revamped Manly.

It should prove an exciting match and hopefully a good crowd will be on hand at Cromer to witness Melita run out winners. We predict a 2-1 result.

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Sutherland slipped into top gear to crush Parramatta last weekend and will have to maintain their form against Avala, now desperately trying to fight their way away from the bottom.

With the return of Peter Beggs the Sutherland forward line has even more character than before, and the Bush brothers are certain to keep on shining.

We tip a Sutherland win 2-0.

Polonia and Bankstown meet at Chopin Park on Saturday.

Croatia stay at the top of the State League after a 6-0 second half rout of North Sydney, with Brazilian striker Marcos Silva scoring a hat-trick.

North Sydney fans will be less than pleased with the result, as a midweek transfer deal saw three Norths players join Croatia, including recent Scottish import Tom Steven, and Jim and Alex Bottalico, sons of Norths coach Fil.

Melita dropped a valuable home point against lowly Avala in a 1-1 draw.

As so often happens the result put something of a damper on Melita's celebrations which were staged to officially open their new stadium.

Guests including Premier Neville Wran and the presidents of Victorian sister clubs Green Gully and George Cross witnessed an exciting match but the result means both Croatia and St. George have now further increased the gap at the top of the table.

In other matches Sutherland beat Parramatta 4-0 and Auburn won the big relegation battle against Bankstown 4-3.

On Saturday, Manly beat Riverwood 1-0, while the Inter Monaro — Polonia fixture was rained off.

Croatia waited until the second half to score their six goals against an understrength North Sydney after missing several chances in the first period.

Marcos Silva (three), Peter Hensman (two) and Marijan Kovacic scored the goals for Croatia.

North Sydney had to field five second graders for the match after the 'bulk sellout' midweek.

St. George found winning form after a draw the previous Saturday with Polonia, beating Canterbury 3-0 with two goals from striker Dez

Polonia had a break last week — but they would probably have preferred to keep going to cash in on their great recent form.

Bankstown officials have been maintaining a brave front recently, but now they must deep down in their hearts fear that relegation is a stark reality.

Polonia seem too well balanced for the struggling Towners and we tip a 3-0 win to Polonia.

North Sydney, in tatters after their huge defeat by Croatia, should be bolstered a little by

the temporary return of Jim Bottalico to the forward line.

But the loss of the hard working Tom Steven seems the biggest blow.

This week against Riverwood they can once again bank on a torrid match.

Atti Abonyi's Riverwood can't be so out-played again as they were by Manly last week and are certain to be psych'd up for this match.

We tip Riverwood to win 2-0.

In the second Saturday

match this week Canterbury play host to Inter Monaro.

Canterbury again had a player sent off last week after a rough match with Saints.

Their defence was not able to hold the faster St. George attack, and with Heywood in the Monaro team they are likely to face more problems against the Queanbeyanites.

A win is essential for both sides to keep pace with the other final four contenders.

We tip Monaro to edge out the Berries 2-1.

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

within four minutes striker Roberto Giraldi had the ball in the net.

But the early goal was no inspiration as the relegation threatened University fought hard to stave off defeat.

However, the Gong came good again in the last 20 minutes to take control and score two more goals through Giraldi and Kris Petkovski to ensure a comfortable win.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Namouski, (Petkovski), Talevski, Montecchia, R. Sattin, Drain, M. Terziowski, H. Sattin, Dafković, Gardner (P. Giraldi), R. Giraldi. Coach: M. Johnson.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Lyons, V. Popovich (McCulloch), T. Popovich, Erhardt, Burns, Graham, Kelly, Hughes, Dowd (Hinchiosse), Antonioli. Coach: A. Field.

FAIRY MEADOW v NTH. BANKSTOWN 2-1

Played in very windy conditions, Fairy Meadow just managed to score the goals to get both points.

Against the wind in the first half, the Fairies played well with some brilliant play from Alan Devenney who easily was the man of the match.

Devenney laid down the first goal for Steve Baker and then again started the move that finished off with Southwell sending a sizzling 20-metre drive that gave Ian Madden no chance in goal.

Norths struggled for points, managed to pull one back with five minutes to go through Trevor Buckley.

Fairy Meadow

Back, Hamilton, Southwell, Chilby, Tinney, Charnock, Devenney, Richardson, Baker, White, Gardner (Lackenby). Coach: H. Tinney.

Nth. Bankstown: I. Madden, Wright, (Parry), Kymantas, Thompson, D. Madden, Buckley, C. Madden (Ross), Stephenson, Clarke, Debord, Wileman. Coach: D. Madden.

BATHURST v KURINGAI 0-0

Bathurst rose to the occasions by snatching a point from the leaders and were quite unlucky not to get both points.

Adrian Pickup, their ace striker and one of the top scorers in the division, missed a second half penalty which would have wrapped up the result.

In a game in which Bathurst was mainly the aggressor, the leaders had a tough time to contain them as both teams strove for the winning goal.

Peter Hadley was heavily brought down midway through the half and Adrian who hardly ever misses half a chance, placed the ball not enough wide of Amman who anticipated well to make the save of the season.

Bathurst: Lovett, Tait, G. Hadley, Ashleford, Woodruff, Walne, Davis, Lambert, Pickup, Fish, P. Hadley. Coach: S. Cousins.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

DIVISION 2

Lane Cove Utd., v Dee Why, Sun., Pottery Green; Baulkham Hills v Liverpool Alb., Sun., Ted Horwood Res.; Marrville Rockdale v Mt. Druitt Town, Sun., Mackay Park; Riverstone Schofields v Gladstones, Sun., Schofields Park; Queens Park v Bonnyrigg, Sat., Erskineville; Campbelltown City Nth. Ryde, Sat., Lynwood Park; Riverstone v Lane Cove, Sat., Schofields.

DIVISION 3

Kingsford v Padstow Park, Sun., Turruwull; Artarmon v Wenty Waratahs, Sat., Artarmon Res.; Fairfield Kiev v Port Hacking, Sat., Knight Park; Hurstville-Zagreb v West Ryde Rovers, Sun., Evatt Park; Syd. Uni v Paddington, Sat., St. Johns Oval; Eastern Creek v Bondi Marine, Sun., Cawarra Park; Hurstville v Kingsford, Sat., Evatt Park.

DIVISION 4

Eastwood v Revesby Rovers, Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Chelsea v Canley Heights, Sat., Moore Park No. 12; Winston Hills v Fairfield W., Sun., Max Rudder Res.; Concordia v Maroubra Utd., Sat., Marrickville Oval; West St. George v Nth. Rocks, Sun., Peakhurst Park; West Holroyd v Ryde District, Sun., West Guildford; West St. Geo. v Fairfield West, Sat., Peakhurst.

DIVISION 5

Macq. Uni v Chulora, Sun., Macquarie Uni Oval; Haberfield v Edensor Park, Sun., Beaman Park; Green Valley v Camben, Sat., Blamfield; Glengarry Utd. v Pagewood, Sun., Pensley Rd. S./Complex; Moorebank v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Hammonville Park; Auburn Jun. v Syd. Maccabi, Sat., Progress Park.

DIVISION 6

Trasandinos Sports v Liverpool City, Sat., Booralee Park No. 2; Blacktown Wands. v Robins, Sun., Grantham H/School; Bankstown Sports v Rangers Hajduk, Sun., Condell Park H/School; St. Sydney v Blacktown Workers, Sun., Booralee Park; Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Childs Park; Colo-Coli v Parramatta, Sun., Knight Park; Colo v Liverpool Park Utd., Sat., Knight Park.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1

Glad.Hornsby v Illawarra	1-2	1-1	1-0
Bankstown v Blacktown City	1-5	0-4	0-2
St. George v Leichhardt	0-2	2-0	0-1
Syd. Olympic v Baulkham Hills	1-2	1-0	2-1
Melita v Sthn. & Eastern	2-4	1-2	1-1

Group 2

Nepean v Marconi	3-2	0-2	1-5
Riverwood v Central Coast	4-1	1-2	3-3
Sutherland v Avala	2-2	4-0	3-1
Canterbury v Blacktown Assoc.	0-3	3-1	1-0
Manly v Sthn. District	0-0	1-0	3-1

(All Saturday)

Group 1

Glad.Horn. v Blackt. City, Gabbie			
Bankstown v St. George, Soccer Centre			
Illawarra v Croatia, St. Johns			
Polonia v Baulk. Hills, Ted Horwood			
Syd. Olympic v Sthn. Eastn., Pratten			
Melita v Leichhardt, Everley			

Group 2

Nepean v Central Coast, Fagans			
Riverwood v Kuringai, Acron			
Marconi v Avala, Knight			
Sutherland v Blacktown Assoc., Francis			
Canterbury v Sthn. District, Ernie Smith			
Manly — Bye			



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SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher



I would certainly like to know why all the fuss is being made about Craig Johnston.

All sections of the media seem to be going out of their way to make his visit here seem the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Don't get me wrong.

You must admire the character of the guy who left home at the age of 15 to head for England to try and break into the big time soccer — which he did.

But to claim him as our very own Australian player is a little hard to take.

I am what is called an 'Australian born' player; I was born here, learnt all my football here, and travel on an Australian passport and I am very proud of that fact.

Craig Johnston was born in South Africa, holds an English passport and learned most of his soccer in England.

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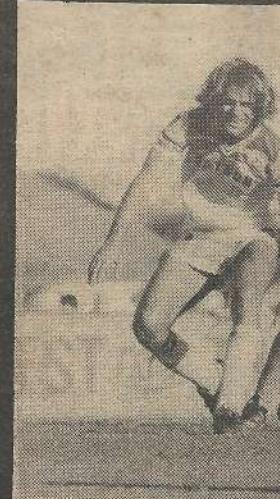
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THE GOALS OF MARK IN MARCONI

**1979:
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**1978:
21-9**



**1980:
26-16**



**1981:
19-4**



The years, number of matches played and number of goals scored by Mark Jankovics in the Marconi colors.

DROUGHT FOR GOALEADOR

A few short years ago Mark Jankovics burst on the scene as a budding giant.

Once he joined Marconi in 1978, he started to get among the goals; international caps and World Cup honors followed.

Almost overnight, this tall, blond son of a Hungarian father and Australian mother was hailed as the most worthy successor to Adrian Alston, the leader of the Socceroo attack.

Alas, 1981 hasn't been too kind to Jankovics; some mediocre displays

in the national team and a disappointing season with Marconi have cast some doubt on his future career.

Take a look at his goals, for instance: only four so far in 1981, in 19 games — and compare that with his previous year's tallies.

"I've had too much soccer," he says, "almost nonstop for the past three years, virtually without a break."

"In 1979 after the season we had the China tour, last year in December and January the world tour, then straight back into training again with the club."

"On top of that you've got a job or business to worry about all the time."

"Even professional players take four to six weeks off after the end of their season."

"I'm sure that this constant soccer has contributed to my form lapse and also that of Marconi."

Jankovics, who runs two sports stores in partnership with Avala's Gary Fairclough, one at Carlingford Court, one at Bankstown Square, has no false modesty about him. He knows he is a top player who, for most of this season, has been playing well below his best.

Would he select himself on his present form for the national team?

"No," he admits, "I wouldn't. But I know I have the ability to deserve selection. True, I've failed to reach my top this year and I have been pretty inconsistent, too."

"But all strikers go through a lean period in their career. This is my period."

Goals galore in seasons past — only four so far in 1981: quite a come down for sharpshooting Mark Jankovics.

"And not just for me, either," he says. "It's the same with Eddie Kuncovic, for much the same reasons. We're saturated with soccer."

"In fact, it goes for most of the team. In previous seasons our midfield was usually good for 8 or 10 goals but that's dried up, too."

Many Marconi fans believe that one reason for their team's slide is the absence of Roberto Vieri, a playmaker, a

creator of chances.

"No doubt we miss Vieri," Jankovics admits. "It's not every day that you can play with a man of his ability to create openings. It was a dream playing with him. Obviously it's hard to replace a man like Vieri."

Jankovics started off with St. George as a right winger, switched to central striker and was moved to an attacking fullback before his transfer to Marconi in 1978.

There he has been playing mainly as the attacking spearhead though some experts feel that his best position would be in midfield.

"I like to play up front where, if we lose the ball, I drop back to make an

extra man in midfield," he says.

"Once I scored 10 goals in 10 games in that position, just after joining Marconi."

"I like to be a deep lying central striker, like that Dane Jensen was a few years ago with the German Monchengladbach."

"But I can see the day coming when I start to move back a bit. I think I could play sweeper one day, facing play, ball at your feet, moving upfield. Turning with the ball, a pre-requisite for strikers, has never been my strongest point, as you know."

Jankovics doesn't worry too much about some of those chances he has missed in games;

he says all strikers do that.

"If you can convert about one out of three good chances, you're doing well."

"You should start worrying about your game if you don't even have chances any more which you can miss..."

"When the season is over, you'll find Jankovics somewhere on the beach."

"I want four to six weeks off from soccer, I need a total break," he says.

"Without that I wouldn't be much use to Marconi next season."

"And in 1982, if not sooner, I'd like to bounce back to my earlier form and get a handful of goals again."

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Kuringai	11	6	2	43	14	28
Blacktown	9	5	5	25	17	23
Revesby	9	4	5	32	17	22
Woll.Utd.	10	2	8	38	31	22
Guildfrd.	9	4	6	30	28	22
Gladesvl.	8	5	5	25	16	21
Penrith	8	4	6	23	21	20
Yugal	7	5	7	24	24	19
Belmore	6	6	19	20	18	
N.Bankst.	7	3	8	26	34	17
Warringah	2	6	11	19	35	10
Uni NSW	3	2	13	20	49	8
Bathurst	-	2	17	6	62	2

SCOREBOARD

GRADE 3

Kuringai	17	1	1	85	14	35
Gladesvl.	11	5	1	39	17	27
Fairy Mdw	11	3	5	40	23	25
Woll.Utd.	11	3	5	39	25	25
Guildford	9	6	4	34	29	24
Belmore	10	3	5	46	24	23
Blacktown	8	3	7	29	29	19
Penrith	8	7	4	17	22	19
Bathurst	6	1	12	30	30	13
N.Bankst.	4	5	9	17	29	13
Revesby	4	2	12	27	40	10
Yugal	4	—	13	27	62	8
Warringah	2	3	13	15	64	7
Uni NSW	-	6	12	9	58	6

GRADE 2

St.George	11	6	2	53	15	28
Croatia	12	4	2	33	14	28
Melita	10	6	3	32	12	26
Sutherland	10	4	5	33	19	24
Riverwd.	9	5	3	24	15	23
Manly	7	6	5	34	22	20
Sutherland	8	4	7	28	22	20
N.Sydney	7	4	8	21	33	18
Auburn	6	3	8	20	31	15
P'matta	4	6	8	16	37	14
Bankst.	5	3	10	21	30	13
Avala	2	6	10	12	33	10
Monaro	2	5	11	12	32	9
Polonia	2	2	13	9	33	6

GRADE 3

Bankst.	12	2	3	45	24	26
Riverwd.	9	5	2	32	17	23
Auburn	10	1	4	38	11	21
Sutherland	10	1	4	27	15	21
Canterby	8	4	6	36	27	20
Manly	8	3	5	34	26	19
Melita	7	5	6	29	24	19
St.George	9	—	7	26	20	18
Croatia	5	5	6	25	39	15
Polonia	5	4	7	20	20	14
N.Sydney	2	3	11	15	39	7
P'matta	2	2	13	12	44	6
Avala	1	1	14	13	46	3

GRADE 2

Mt.Druitt	10	1	3	27	10	21
Baulk.Hill	9	2	3	29	14	20
M'ville	7	5	2	26	17	19
Dee Why	7	3	2	24	10	17
N.Ryde	8	—	6	19	17	16
C'town	7	1	6	29	21	15
Bonnyrigg	6	2	6	21	24	14
Queens P.	5	2	7	18	24	12
Lane C.	2	4	7	13	22	8
L'pool Alb	3	3	9	16	27	7
R'stone	3	1	7	10	21	7
Glad.Horn	2	2	10	12	37	6
Ryde Dist.	2	1	11	15	34	5

GRADE 1

Mt.Druitt	10	1	3	27	10	21
Baulk.Hill	9	2	3	29	14	20
M'ville	7	5	2	26	17	19
Dee Why	7	3	2	24	10	17
N.Ryde	8	—	6	19	17	16
C'town	7	1	6	29	21	15
Bonnyrigg	6	2	6	21	24	14
Queens P.	5	—	8	23	39	12
Lane C.	2	4	7	13	22	8
L'pool Alb	11	1	2	40	12	23
C'town	10	3	1	35	9	23
Baulk.Hill	10	1	3	47	11	21
Glad.Horn	10	—	3	42	10	20
M'ville	9	2	2	32	10	20
Mt.Druitt	7	3	4	37	29	17
Queens P.	6	—	8	23	39	12
Bonnyrigg	4	2	8	16	34	10
N.Ryde	4	1	9	23	38	9
Lane C.	1	1	11	7	37	3
L'pool Alb	11	1	1	10	6	39
R'stone	—	1	11	8	49	1
Dee Why	—	1	11	8	49	1

GRADE 2

Mt.Druitt	11	3	—	43	11	25
Edensor	P	11	3	—	43	11
Moorebnk	7	6	2	34	18	20
Glenquar.	7	3	3	40	23	17
Artarmar	7	3	4	20	15	17
Hurstville	7	1	4	16	19	15
Bondi	5	4	5	22	23	14
East.Crk.	5	4	5	16	23	14
Tr'dinos	8	3	3	37	22	19
Macq.Uni	5	4	6	27	28	14
Edensor P	5	1	7	24	33	11
Bl.Wrk.	3	3	5	23	25	11
Bankst.Sp	3	3	6	32	43	9
Syd.Uni	3	4	6	18	28	10
P'rnth	2	2	6	11	56	2
Port Hack.	3	1	9	12	37	7

GRADE 1

Moorebnk	13	1	1

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



Laurie hits out at 'child minding centres'

Sutherland's Laurie Haynes has made some officials of the State League squirm this year with his blunt views on the standard of refereeing.

"Several times he has spoken out about what he calls the 'shocking overall standard' of referees in the lower grades of the League."

But he has also given praise where he considers it's merited, like after last week's game against Parramatta.

"We have had Roger Doneaugh several times this year and his performance last week was a revelation," Laurie said.

"He has improved enormously and if he keeps it up, he will be one of our leading referees before long."

But Laurie was bitter about the situation that is handicapping the lower grades.

"Parramatta officials will probably agree with me that the third grade game was a farce and even though we won 3-1, the match was a joke," he said.

"We had two players sent off for alleged 'abusive language' while players were nearly being decapitated by high swinging legs and wild kicks."

"And on top of it all, the referee arrived late and we had to hold the match up while he got changed."

"This may not seem like a big issue for some people but in the lower grade games there is a strict timetable rule and any delays mean that the match is shortened so that the first grade one kicks off on time."

Laurie said he had argued for years that there was not enough attention paid to quality and far too much emphasis placed on sheer numbers of players.

"Some soccer officials seem to get their kicks out of stating that we have 500,000 kids playing the game."

"What they fail to understand is that there is not enough thought put

into the back-up; where do we get the referees to cope with all these players?"

"We have the horrible position where referees either have to control too many matches on one day—resulting in tired men—or we have young referees being thrown in at the deep end."

"I don't blame the referees associations totally."

and figure out how many members they have, how many matches they can handle and tell the associations.

"Instead of that what they do is start new drives to get more referees who have to undergo crash courses. Many of them never played soccer before in their lives," he said.

Two weeks ago Laurie's argument was highlighted in the Manly Warringah Association's newsletter, the excellently produced "Soccer Post."

The coach of the Cromer U-15 side commended the Pittwater team which was thrashed 16-0 on June 8

by his own team.

Pittwater played with only eight boys and on the previous Saturday they had only seven, losing 6-0.

The Cromer coach went on: "The eight players...are a credit to the Pittwater Club and really deserve better. I trust they will not lose heart and give up playing and perhaps the club could make an extra effort to find two or three more players for them."

What the Pittwater Club should do is to be ashamed of the fact that they have allowed a team of eight boys start in the competition. If the team had a full complement of players, that's still not

good enough. At junior level at least 13 players are needed and, as Laurie Haynes said, it seems a case of just filling up teams rather than looking after the future of the players.

"Boys like that will inevitably become discouraged; after a 16-0 defeat what else would you expect?"

"But the club won't be shattered when these boys drop out of the game, heart-broken."

"They will just wait for some more parents to turn up and dump their kids on their doorstep and field a new team next season."

"And so it goes, on and on, year after year..."



"The soccer federations and associations are to blame because they eagerly enlist boys to play, swelling their ranks unbelievably."

"We have some clubs in the Sutherland Shire which have 60 teams."

"This is utterly ridiculous; no association should have 60 junior teams," he said.

"Instead of clubs saying 'Okay, this year we will field 16 teams in all age groups' they just get as many kids as they can and then divide their number by 11."

"We aren't organising soccer teams, we are running child-minding centres."

"Some 80 percent of the teams in our area would be for boys in under 10 and lower age groups."

"This is farcical."

"The referees should wake up to themselves

CLUBS MUST BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Riverwood boss Attila Abonyi was previously coaching Croatia and Melita and now, after years of intoxicating success, is preparing for his greatest challenge yet: to build up a team from grassroots.

He feels that the biggest step Riverwood is taking towards becoming a leading club in the State League is developing its own ground.

He says it's no coincidence that the three leading teams in the State League this year are all clubs who have their own grounds with good to excellent facilities.

"St. George's stadium is absolutely first class for the spectators and the players alike while the Croatia and Melita grounds also make the players feel like professionals," he said.

"I firmly believe that if you treat the players

well, they will give good service.

"I am not criticising the other clubs who also have their own grounds but some of the facilities are pretty outdated."

"And it's even harder for clubs who have to use council grounds, like us."

Attila said clubs like the "Big Three" could virtually pick and choose the players they wanted.

"Young players, understandably, aspire to join those clubs with the fine stadiums and modern set-ups," he said.

"Who wants to play every second week at grounds like Hurstville Oval?"

"We are forced to stay put for the time being but we are waiting for the day when we have a ground of our own and this is not far off," he said.

"Hurstville Oval is also used by the St. George

rugby union as well as the junior rugby league and then by all six grade Riverwood soccer teams."

"You can imagine what sort of a battering the ground gets."

Attila said he was appalled by the surface of Garside Park when they played Manly there last weekend.

"I give every credit to Manly. How they managed to play soccer on that surface is beyond me and they certainly deserved the points."

"There are far too many grounds where facilities and surfaces are not up to scratch and when a go-ahead club comes along they sweep everyone out of their path."

"That's what the Saints, Croatia and Melita, my three former clubs are doing just now," he added.

TERRY STRIKES GOALS AT MANLY

Former Sydney City and St. George striker Terry Smith is now with Manly and has been a great success in his fortnight with the club.

In his first match he scored the goal that gave Manly a point against Croatia and last week scored the winner against Riverwood.

Manly director George Dick said this week that the deal which took Terry to Manly involved a straight-out swap with Peter Vale going to Sydney City.

"Sydney City officials have been interested in Vale for some time, just as we were keen to get Terry."

"The question was where would Terry want to go? He considered Croatia but didn't like their set-up and eventually got sick of not being able to get a regular first team place at the Sliders."

"He decided to join us and we immediately set about transferring Peter," George said.

"We have always had a policy of never standing in the way of young players who want to

move to the PSL," he added.

"Peter is only 18 and both us and City have faith in his ability to develop into a fine player," George added.



Terry Smith

PREMIER OPENS EAGLES' NEST

It was one of those occasions that was perfectly planned and timed and carried out in precise detail until the very last event.

Then came the let-down...

Melita's official opening of their new stadium at Everley Park last Sunday was an event which involved the whole of the western suburbs, not only the Maltese community.

With Premier Wran

present and with the presidents of sister Victorian clubs Green Gully Ajax and George Cross also at the ground, Melita wanted to show off the fruit of many years of hard work.

Unfortunately, the team was in less of a festive mood; surprised by the tenacity of Avala, they were held to a 1-1 draw.

Melita's president Emmanuel Said was still not unhappy.

Although the ground has been in use now for some weeks, the



presence of the official guests and the club's own supporters was the crowning achievement for Melita.

"We did not get the two points, true, but all of us saw a much better match than we had expected," Emmanuel said.

"We were especially pleased that Guy Spiteri, president of Green Gully and John Borg of George Cross came up to Sydney for the game," he said.

"Other guests included the Maltese High Commissioner Joe Caruana and the Consul for Sydney, Guy Pace while the Mayor of Blacktown, Ald. Aquilina was also there."

"We will have many more matches at the stadium and hopefully many more wins but I doubt if we will ever have such a distinguished lot of guests again," Emmanuel added.

Peter Beggs is now back with Sutherland after a spell of just over a year with St. George.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

"The number is disconnected," the telephone operator said. "Have a good day."

I'll try, I said.

The number once belonged to Rudi Gutendorf's Elizabeth Bay apartment.

Now, we understand, Rudi is gone, having taken French (or German?) leave; from his brief Manila stint following his sudden resignation, he went straight back to Germany, leaving his apartment, car and some unfinished business affairs behind.

So Gutendorf left the way Brian Green did a few years earlier, through the backdoor, with hardly a farewell.

It will be interesting to see in which part of the world he bobs up again.

Even more interesting is what he'll have to say about his 31 stormy months in Australia.

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The main trouble with the Philips League relegation system is that it's manipulated.

Already we begin to hear pleas on behalf of West Adelaide that should they be dropped, the city of Adelaide will be left with one PSL team only, a blow to the public.

In actual fact, it's a blow to the West Adelaide public only as the fans of rival Adelaide City hardly attend games at Hindmarsh in any large numbers.

There is a lot to recommend the harsh but universally accepted method of automatically relegating teams.

The clubs — officials,

players and fans — are spurred on to do everything possible to stave off such a disaster.

Here they merely shrug their shoulders and prepare to argue their case around Sir Arthur's round table.

A certain administrative review of a relegated team's fate is an enormous disincentive for the club to try a lot harder.

I firmly believe that if we had a proper promotion and relegation system, based on the State Leagues being regarded as the current PSL second division, we'd have a healthier competition.

Within a few weeks only two or three teams will be still in the race for the championship title.

Having abolished the Top Four series, a lot of teams won't care a great deal whether they finish third or tenth and thus the standard of games will suffer.

To a lesser degree, the same will happen at the bottom where teams likely to be relegated will throw in the towel and concentrate on lobbying to stay up rather than fight on the field not to go down.

Really, after five seasons of PSL, we would deserve a more solid and logical system than the one we have now where the ignoble art of horse-trading and not results determine who should come in or go out of our premier league.

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Remember all the fuss and hysteria only a few months ago about the Gretna Green-style

naturalisation of some players like Ken Boden, Alan Niven and John Yzendoorn?

Well, all three got their papers in time to play for the Socceroos and sweep us on the road to Espana.

Niven never made it, Yzendoorn is now under investigation over the tape-worm incident and Boden was recently bypassed by new coach Les Scheinflug.

Meanwhile, they are "stuck" with an Australian citizenship which may not help at all — indeed, embarrass some — if they wanted to return to the UK and play there.

So there should be a reverse process to the naturalisation.

I warmly recommend this scale of fees:

Naturalisation to get off the temporary-visa quota: \$100.

Naturalisation, in hurry, to play for Socceroos: \$200.

Denaturalisation for Brits intending to return home: \$400.

Affidavit from ASF that player in question never met Gutendorf: \$750.

Certificate signed by Sir Arthur that player never actually set foot in Australia: \$1,000.

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It will be interesting to see what the ASF decides about the post of national coach after the Youth World Cup.

Les Scheinflug's appointment is until the end of October, on a

fulltime basis.

Chances are that after October, Australia will have a part-time national coach — possibly Scheinflug.

Frankly, it should be ample. Our international commitments and programs are so light that a national coach could go mad with boredom for months on end.

Holland reached the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals with part-time national coaches — Rinus Michels and Ernst Happel — and even soccer-crazy Brazil didn't have a fulltime man until last year when Tele Santana all but demanded such a sinecure and financial independence.

But for Australia, with our resources and extremely light international involvement such a job is a luxury.

Admittedly, the ASF won't be able to lure another "star coach" from overseas on a part-time basis — but that's really good.

We have not done so marvellously with the last three imports and the job should be held by a local coach, whether he is also attached to a club or not.

— Andrew Dettre

PHILIPS CUP

The Leichhardt v Marconi Philips Cup quarter-final will be played at the St. George Stadium this week Wednesday, at 8pm.

The early match at 6.15pm will be the postponed NSW State League game between St. George and Auburn.

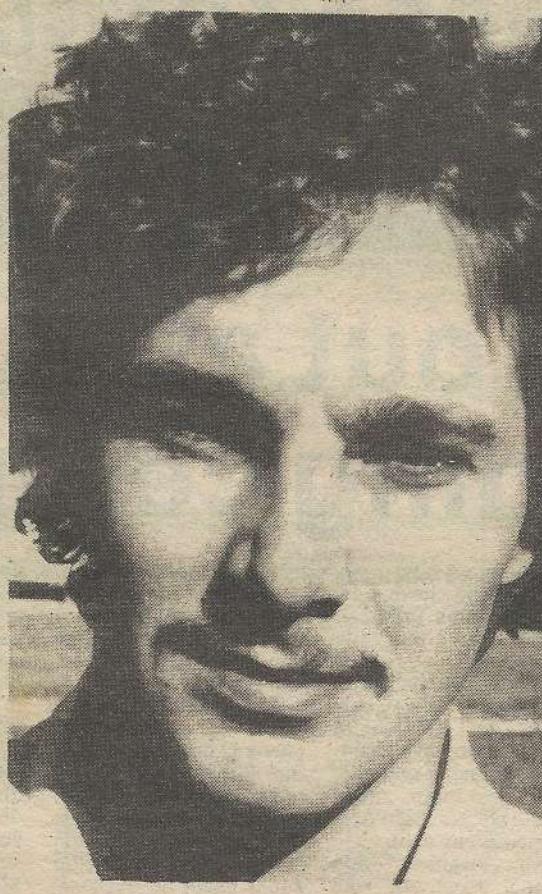
The winner of Wednesday's Cup game will meet Brisbane Lions in one of the semifinals on July 29.

The other semifinal between Adelaide City and West Adelaide will also be played on July 29 at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

Two of the four postponed PSL games have been rescheduled.

Brisbane City meets South Melbourne on Wednesday, August 12 at 3pm and Heidelberg play Lions on Friday, August 28 at 8pm.

Dates have yet to be found for the Blacktown v Sydney City and Leichhardt v Marconi PSL matches.



John Yzendoorn: will he ask for a refund?



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